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SUBJ: ICCS OPERATIONS

1. IN THE COURSE OF FAREWELL CALLS ON AMBASSADORS WASILEWSKI (POLAND) AND ESZTERGALYOS (HUNGARY) THE PARLOUS STATE OF ICCS FINANCING WAS DISCUSSED. ESZTERGALYOS, WHO IS PRESENTLY SERVING AS ICCS CHAIRMAN, RAISED IT WITH ME AND I RAISED IT WITH THE POLE. ESZTERGALYOS ASKED THAT WE SEND AN OFFICER TO DISCUSS THE ICCS ECONOMIC PLIGHT WITH THE SECRETARIAT AFTER WHICH HE HOPED THE U. S. WOULD PROVIDE FURTHER EMERGENCY SUPPORT. I TOLD ESZTERGALYOS AND SUBSEQUENTLY WASILEWSKI THAT THE U. S. WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT PROVIDE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNTIL THE PRG AND DRV HAD MADE THEIR FULL CONTRIBUTIONS. BOTH AMBASSADORS APPEARED TO ACCEPT THIS AS A REASONABLE POSITION.

2. DURING THE TALK WITH ESZTERGALYOS, HE SPOKE AT LENGTH ON THE SUBJECT OF THE ROLE HE BELIEVES THE ICCS MUST PLAY IN HELPING EASE TENSIONS AND REDUCE SUSPICIONS BETWEEN THE BELLIGERENTS.

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IN HIS VIEW THE INVESTIGATION OF CEASE- FIRE INCIDENTS IS UN-PRODUCTIVE AND DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO GETTING THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE TO COMPLY WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT. HE DEPLORED THE STUBBORNNESS AND INTRANSIGENCE OF BOTH SIDES AND MADE A POINT OF HIS DIFFICULTIES IN DEALING WITH THE " THREE FACES" OF PRG DELEGATE GENERAL TUAN. I DID NOT DISAGREE WITH THE FOREGOING, BUT STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE PRG AND DRV TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING EVEN ON MINOR MATTERS, NOTING THEIR PROCRASTINATION ON THE RETURN OF THE AMERICANS WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY AND THEIR REFUSAL TO CERTIFY THAT THEIR DELEGATES ARE NOT CARRYING EXPLOSIVES ON LIAISON FLIGHTS. I ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ICCS CONTROL OF THE MILITARY SUPPLIES OF BOTH SIDES WOULD BE A HELPFUL CONTRIBUTION.

3. WASILEWSKI ALSO HELD FORTH ON THE SUBJECT OF VIETNAMESE STUBBORNNESS AND INTRANSIGENCE. HE DEPLORED THE PREDICAMENT IN WHICH POLAND FOUND ITSELF AND SPOKE WITH REGRET OF THE UNFORTUNATE EFFECT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS WAS HAVING ON US/ POLISH RELATIONS. I ASKED WASILEWSKI, WHO HAS SERVED IN HANOI, HOW THE COMMUNISTS COULD SQUARE THEIR APPARENT DESIRE TO CREATE A THIRD VIET- NAM WITH THEIR CONCEPT OF VIETNAMESE UNITY. WASILEWSKI REPLIED THAT THE REUNIFICATION OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH WAS A LONG RANGE OBJECTIVE OF HANOI AND HE APPEARED TO DOUBT THAT EFFORTS BY THE PRG TO CREATE A THIRD VIET- NAM MET WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM IN HANOI. LIKE ESZTERGALYOS, HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FINDING A MEANINGFUL ROLE FOR THE ICCS IN WHICH IT COULD DEFUSE THE VIET- NAM CONFLICT.

4. COMMENT: BOTH COMMUNIST AMBASSADORS HAVE PROFESSED THEIR SINCERE DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE IN VIET- NAM SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL. THEY SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT WITH CONSIDERABLE CONVICTION AND APPARENT SINCERITY. NEVERTHELESS THEIR PERFORMANCE WITHIN THE ICCS BELIES THE GOOD INTENTIONS WHICH THEY REPEAT SO OFTEN AND SO PERSUASIVELY.

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